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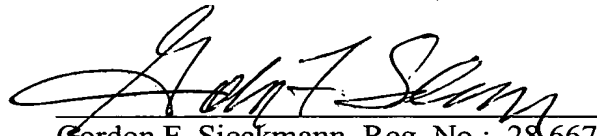
In response to the Examiner's Request for Written Statement of Substance of Telephone Interview, dated May 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

A telephonic interview occurred regarding the above referenced Patent Application on April 30, 2002. Participants of this interview were: Examiner Shaw and for the Applicants, Mr. Gordon Sieckmann and Mr. John Neet. The Non-Final Office Action dated November 7, 2001 was discussed.

According to the Non-Final Office Action, Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; Claims 1-4 and 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tearney, et al. (U.S. 6,134,003); Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Swanson, et al. (U.S. 5,459,570); and Claims 5, 6, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tearney, et al. (U.S. 6,134,003), in view of Peterson et al. (U.S. 5,549,114).

During the interview, the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of Claims 1-16; the Section 102(e) rejection of Claims 1-4 and 7-11; the Section 102(b) rejection of Claims 14-16; and the Section 103(a) rejection of Claims 5, 6, 12 and 13 were discussed along with the cited US patents. Mr. Sieckmann stated that any Section 112, second paragraph, infirmities would be cured in a timely response to the Non-Final Office Action, which was filed on May 2, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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